



**US Army Corps  
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# *Civil Works Program*

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**The Directorate of Civil Works is a major component of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Civil Works programs include water resource development activities including flood control, navigation, recreation, and infrastructure and environmental stewardship. Our mission also includes emergency response. Proud of our past. Building for the Future.**

For more than two centuries, the employees of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers have been committed to serving you, our customers by providing comprehensive engineering, management and technical support to the Nation in peace and war. We are nearly 37,000 Americans located in 11 divisions, 40 districts and hundreds of area, project and resident engineer offices worldwide.

Army involvement in works "of a civil nature" goes back almost to the origins of the U.S. Over the years, as the Nation's needs have changed, so have the Army's Civil Works missions. Those missions today fall in four broad areas: water infrastructure, environmental management and restoration, response to natural and manmade disasters, and engineering and technical services to the Army, DoD and other Federal agencies.

At Corps of Engineers Headquarters in Washington, DC, the Directorate of Civil Works oversees the program. Civil Works projects are located throughout the United States. The Digital Project Notebook is an Internet map-based application that presents information on all U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civil Works projects.

Funds for the Civil Works program come from the annual Energy and Water Development Appropriation, not the Defense budget. Add to that the cost-sharing funds supplied directly by

non-Federal sponsors for specific projects and the total civil program is about \$5 billion a year.



The process for developing Civil Works projects begins when citizens see a need for flood protection, navigation, or other water-related infrastructure and ask Congress for help. Congress will direct the Corps to do a study to see if a project is warranted. Corps studies are usually done in 2 phases: an initial reconnaissance to determine if a feasible solution is likely, then a feasibility study to examine alternatives and select the project that best meets national and local needs. Most feasibility studies are cost-shared with a local sponsor. If the conclusion is positive, before any construction, Congress must first authorize the project and then appropriate funds. Most projects are built with a combination of Federal funds and contributions by non-federal sponsors. Depending on project purpose, the Corps then either operates and maintains the completed project, or turns it over to local authorities.

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